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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU AGAIN CRITICIZES EDUCATION MINISTRY--AND
MIZIL?

1. WHILE HE NAMED NO NAMES, CEAUSESCU'S CRITICISM OF MINISTRY OF
EDUCATION'S PERFORMANCE IN SPEECH TO CONFERENCE OF HIGHER
EDUCATION CADRES SEPTEMBER 13 IMPLIED CONTINUED DIFFERENCES WITH
EDUCATION MINISTER PAUL NICULESCU-MIZIL AND DOUBTS ABOUT POLITICAL
FUTURE OF THE FORMER PERMANENT PRESIDUM MEMBER.

2. CEAUSESCU INDICATED THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE FOOTDRAGGING
IN HIS POTENTIALLY SWEEPING SCHEME TO "INTEGRATE ORGANICALLY"
EDUCATION WITH RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION. APPARENTLY REFERRING
TO RESISTANCE IN THE BUREAUCRACY TO "INTEGRATION" AND PARTY'S
EMPHASIS
ON PRODUCTION-ORIENTED VOCATIONAL TRAINING, HE CALLED FOR TOUGHER
STAND AGAINST THOSE WHO "MANIFEST BACKWARD MENTALITY" OR
"REFRACTORY, CONSERVATIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARD THE "NEW" AND WHOSE
POSITION IS "WRONG" OR "INAPPROPRIATE". GIVING THE MINISTRY
MOST OF THE BLAME, CEAUSESCU COMPLAINED OF LOST TIME IN MOVING
TOWARD "DECISIVE MEASURES", AND EMPHASIZED THAT NOT MERE
"IMPROVEMENT OF WHAT EXISTS" BUT RATHER "FUNDAMENTAL REORGANIZATION
AND RESTRUCTURING ON NEW REVOLUTIONARY BASIS" IS REQUIRED.

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CEAUSESCU CLAIMED THE MINISTRY HAD FAILED TO PRODUCE IN TIME A

"GENERAL RESTRUCTURED PLAN" FOR CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER AND POINTED TO NEED FOR "NEW SPIRIT" AND "MODERN CONCEPT" IN MINISTRY.

3. CEAUSESCU ALSO TOOK MINISTRY TO TASK FOR NOT BEING "EXACTING" ENOUGH, NOT SHOWING "FIRM CONTROL" AND "MORE IMPORTANTLY" FOR "NOT ACTING TO ELIMINATE THEM". HE NOTED FAILURE TO CARRY OUT SOME CENTRAL COMMITTEE DECISIONS AND SAID MINISTRY IN FUTURE WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND DIRECTLY TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SECRETARIAT, WHO WOULD HENCEFORTH PROVIDE MORE "SYSTEMATIC CONTROL" AND "FIRMER GUIDANCE."

4. COMMENT: CEAUSESCU'S REMARKS RECALL ANALOGOUS ATTACKS OBLIQUELY DIRECTED AT MIZIL AT JUNE 1973 "EDUCATION" PLENUM. AFTER THIS YEAR'S MARCH PLENUM, RUMORS FORECAST SHAKEUP OF MINISTRY AND CULTURAL AREA GENERALLY, INCLUDING MIZIL'S REMOVAL TO PROVINCIAL POST. HOWEVER, WHEN DUST HAD SETTLED BY EARLY SUMMER, MESHING OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH HAD FOR THE TIME BEING BOILED DOWN TO PERSONNEL RETRENCHMENT AND BETTER COORDINATION RATHER THAN CLOSER "INTEGRATION" CEAUSESCU FAVORS. MIZIL WAS STILL IN CHARGE, LOOKING MORE AUTHORITATIVE IN MEETING WITH SECRETARY WEINBURGER IN AUGUST THAN HE HAD IN MAY.

5. FRICTION HAS REPORTEDLY CONTINUED BETWEEN MIZIL AND PARTY SECRETARIAT. MIZIL HAS GAINED REPUTATION OF SERVING--AT LEAST IN SOME CASES--AS BUFFER BETWEEN "REFRACTORY" PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS AND PROPONENTS (SUCH AS CEAUSESCU) OF RETURN TO GREATER DIRECT PARTY INTERFERENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. ONE REPORT HAS IT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT MIZIL TRIED TO AVOID OR DOWNPLAY RELATIVELY NEW REQUIREMENT THAT ALL CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORATE BE VETTED BY PARTY BEFORE DEGREE AWARDED, AND THAT SELECTION OF RECTORS AND PROFESSORS WAS ALSO BONE OF CONTENTION. HYPERTECHNICALIZATION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION PROMOTED BY CEAUSESCU HAS REPORTEDLY NOT BEEN ENTIRELY TO MIZIL'S LIKING. HOWEVER, CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH, LEFT NO DOUBT THAT POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION, DIRECT PARTY CONTROL, AND "MODERNIZING" MEASURES WILL BE ACCENTUATED.

6. TRANSFER OF VIRGIL CAZACU AS FIRST DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER MAY BE RELATED DEVELOPMENT, EXCEPT THAT CAZACU HAD BEEN GENERALLY CONSIDERED AS CC'S CHECK ON MIZIL. CAZACU'S REASSIGNMENT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"OTHER WORK" FORMALLY TOOK PLACE AUGUST 20, BUT MIZIL TOLD AMBASSADOR IN LATE SPRING HE HAD NO FIRST DEPUTY. MEANWHILE, IN JULY RADU ION BOGDAN (WHO REPLACED DECEASED ALEXE POPESCU FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PORTFOLIO) AND CONSTANTIN MANOLESCU, AN AMBITIOUS OPPORTUNISTIC HEAVY, MOVED UP AS NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS. BARNES

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